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Framingham Public Works, Kathryn Voorhees, Assistant Director of Highway and Sanitation, Receives Master of Science Degree and Prestigious Jerry S. Parr Management Award from Massachusetts Maritime Academy



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Framingham, MA – We are proud to announce that Kathryn Voorhees, Framingham Public Works Assistant Director of Highway and Sanitation graduated from Massachusetts Maritime Academy with a Master of Science in Emergency Management (MSEM) degree on Saturday, June 18, 2016. The Keynote speaker was Governor Charlie Baker. Ms. Voorhees achieved this significant credential by working assiduously over many evenings and weekends for the past two years while also managing the demanding schedule of her senior position in the Department.

During the commencement ceremony, Ms. Voorhees was presented with the prestigious Jerry S. Parr Emergency Management Award, given to the graduate with the highest academic achievement in the program. The Award is in honor of heroic Jerry S. Parr, the Secret Service agent that saved President Ronald Reagan's life after he was shot in Washington D.C. in 1981.

"The Town benefits from the experience and knowledge of each employee. The skills and practices that Kate has developed will help to create a more resilient Public Works Department enabling planning for, responding to, recovering from, and mitigating the effects of emergencies in the Town of Framingham." states Peter Sellers, Executive Director Framingham Public Works.

The Massachusetts Maritime Academy MSEM program is offered in a 17-month executive format that runs every other weekend and provides graduates with the knowledge, skills and practices that are necessary to decrease the effects of disasters on life and property in emergency situations.

Voorhees joined Framingham Public Works in 2009 and also holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from University of Delaware.

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